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The Department of Water Resources is pleased to announce the time and location for the first Settlement Negotiation sessions associated with relicensing the Oroville Facilities (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Project No. 2100). The sessions are scheduled for:

March 30, 2004, 1 Day
Kelly Ridge Golf Course Meeting Room
5131 Royal Oaks Drive
Oroville, CA

April 20, 2004, 1 Day
April 21, 2004, ½ Day
Secretary of State
1500 11th Street, Multipurpose Room 180
Sacramento, CA

DWR would like to reach a settlement that addresses project impacts, associated relicensing issues, and further strengthen its relationships with agencies, Tribes, non-governmental organizations and the local community. For this purpose, a Settlement Negotiation Group is being established to develop an effective, responsive and supported package of environmental, recreation, land use and cultural resource programs.

The work of the Settlement Negotiation Group will be based on the Process Protocols revised by the Process Task Force and approved by the Plenary Group on October 28, 2003. It is anticipated that attendees will be representing their organizations and will abide by the Process Protocols, which can be found at: <http://orovillerelicensing.water.ca.gov>.

If you are interested in attending these meetings, please contact Kim Cotto at (916) 653-6700, or kcotto@water.ca.gov on or before March 16, 2004. We are looking forward to productive settlement discussions ahead.

Sincerely,

/s/

Raphael A. Torres, Executive Manager
Oroville Facilities Relicensing Program